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SUBJECT: ICAO: COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS AND CHAIRMANSIPS

1. PRESIDENT:COUNCIL AND USREP HAD LONG DISCUSSION SEPTEMBER 16
RE COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS FOR THIS YEAR. THERE WAS
AGREEMENT THAT WE HAVE A WEAKER COUNCIL THAN IN IMMEDIATE PAST
YEARS AND A LARGE GAP BETWEEN SENIOR MEMBERS (ALL OF WHOM
HAVE SERVED IN MOST CAPACITIES DURING THEIR TENURE AND HAVE BEEN
OVERWORKED AND OVER-UTILIZED)-- AND JUNIOR MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT
YET READY FOR IMPORTANT OFFICER APPOINTMENT AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN-
SHIPS.

2. THE "SENIORITY SYSTEM" FOR FIRST VICE PRESIDENT INDICATES THAT
AHWAI/TRINIDAD & TOBAGO SHOULD BE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT. IT MUST
BE BORNE IN MIND HOWEVER THAT THE VPS WILL SERVE THROUGH THE 1977
ASSEMBLY PERIOD. THE ASSEMBLY WILL ELECT THE NEW COUNCIL AND ASSUMING
THE CARIBBEAN REGION IS RE-ELECTED TO A COUNCIL SEAT, T&T WILL BE
REPLACED BY JAMAICA. AHWAI WILL NO LONGER BE ON THE COUNCIL AND
THEREFORE THERE WILL BE NO FIRST VICE PRESIDENT IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE ASSEMBLY. THIS MAKES THE SECOND
VICE PRESIDENT POSITION IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT WILL CHAIR THE POST-
ASSEMBLY MEETING AT WHICH THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL IS
ELECTED. KOTAITE HAD IN MIND BEDARD OF CANADA. USREP OBJECTED
AND SUGGESTED HE BE OFFERED THE THIRD VICE PRESIDENCY. KOTAITE
SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD ALL OF THE REASONS THE US MIGHT
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PREFER TO HAVE SOMEONE ELSE AS SECOND VP AND HE WILL PROCEED TO WORK

OUT ANOTHER SOLUTION. HE FEELS WE SHOULD HAVE AN AFRICAN VP AND GPOKE GENERALLY OF MWOSA OF EAST AFRICA. HOWEVER, THE SAME CONDITION APPLIES TO HIM AS TO T&T. (EAST AFRICA IS A ROTATING REPRESENTATION AND KENYA/MWOSA WILL BE REPLACED BY A REPRESENTATIVE FROM TANZANIA WHICH WOULD LEAVE THE SECOND VP ALSO VACANT POST ASSEMBLY. MWOSA MAY BE THIRD IF WE CAN AGREE ON A STRONG SECOND. MOROZOV/USSR IS NEXT ON THE SENIORITY LIST. FYI:

APPARENTLY HE HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT "ENLIGHTENED" DURING HIS CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE RUSSIAN TEXT AND MIGHT BE A REASONABLE CHAIRMAN IN CONNECTION WITH THE ELECTION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT. BETWEEN NOW AND THE ASSEMBLY SHOULD THE VP HAVE TO TAKE THE CHAIR USREP WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH FIRST VP AHWAI/T&T (COMPETENT, TECHNICALLY ORIENTED, OBJECTIVE), SECOND VP MOROZOV/USSR, AND THIRD VP MWOSA/EAST AFRICA (WEAK BUT PRO US).
END FYI

3. REGARDING CTE MEMBERSHIP KOTAITE SAID THAT HE IS OVERWHELMED WITH REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP. FOR MANY YEARS THERE HAS NOT BEEN ENOUGH INTEREST TO FILL THE COMMITTEES. HE NOW HAS MANY MORE REQUEST THAN POSITIONS AND FEARS THAT IF SOME REQUESTS ARE ADAMANT WE MIGHT HAVE TO CONSIDER ELECTIONS WHICH WE AGREED WOULD BE DISASTROUS. FYI: PURSUANT TO CONVERSATIONS/ WASHINGTON USREP HAS INDICATED WE WILL NOT REQUEST MEMBERSHIP IN THE WORKING GROUP ON CONDITIONS OF SERVICE, BUT MUST RETAIN OUR SEATS IN OTHER FOUR COMMITTEES. END FYI

4. RE CTE CHAIRMANSHIPS, KOTAITE SUGGESTED: ATC (COMMITTEE-OF-THE WHOLE/COUNCIL) PEREZ OF BRAZIL; JOINT SUPPORT CTE KRIEG OF GERMANY; FINANCE CTE SORENSON/SWEDEN; AND CTE UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE HANE OF SENEGAL. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION AND JUGGLING AMONG VPS AND CHAIRMANSHIPS WE DISCUSSED PROS AND CONS IF INDIVIDUALS (PEREZ HAS BARELY ADEQUATE ENGLISH WHICH IS HIS ONLY ICAO WORKING LANGUAGE). USREP POINTED OUT THAT HE REPRESENTED THE COUNTRY (BRAZIL) WHICH HAD INITIATED THE ASSEMBLY RES CALLING A WORLD-WIDE CONFERENCE ON AT PROBLEMS (A 21/25) AND THAT HE WOULD BE CHAIRING THE ATC DURING PREPARATION FOR THAT CONFERENCE. KOTAITE SAID HE WOULD "KEEP HIM UNDER CONTROL." FYI: REGARDING JOINT SUPPORT CTE KRIEG IS WEAK AND A POOR MEMBER BUT HAS BEEN GHE VICE CHAIRMAN
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AND IS NOW ACTING CHAIRMAN. IT WILL BE A CHALLENGE FOR HIM TO HANDLE THE REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPECIAL NORTH ATLANTIC PANEL (SNAP) WHICH COMES UP IMMEDIATELY. HOWEVER, KRIEG IS VERY PRO-US AND WORKS CLOSELY WITH USREP. END FYI. RE FINANCE CTE SORENSON IS ABLE, OBJECTIVE, AND WILL BE GOOD CHAIRMAN FOR ASSEMBLY YEAR PREPARATIONS OF BUDGET. (FYI: USREP DISCOURAGED ANY CONSIDERATION US FOR CHAIRMANSHIPS SINCE WE HAVE CHAIRED AND BEEN FIRST VP FOR FOUR YEARS OUT OF FIVE. USREP

AGREED WITH KOTAITE THAT US WILL CHAIR MAJOR REPEAT MAJOR BODY AT ASSEMBLY. END FYI RE CTE UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE USREP EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HANE OF SENEGAL, INDICATING THAT US AND OTHERS WILL PROBABLY COME TO OCAO/CUI WITH FURTHER MAJOR PROPOSALS IN THE FIELD OF SECURITY IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. KOTAITE POINTED OUT THAT HANE IS MUCH LESS OBSTRUCTIVE THAN HIS PREDECESSOR DIALLO AND PROBABLY WILL BE OBJECTIVE FROM THE CHAIR. WE BOTH NOTED THAT IN THE CASE OF CUI THE CTE ELECTS ITS OWN CHAIRMAN. HOWEVER, KOTAITE SAID HE WOULD TAKE SOME INITIATIVES WITH RESPECT TO FEELING OUT OTHER POSSIBILITIES FOR CHAIRMAN.

5. AT THIS POINT USREP TRIED TO POINT OUT TO KOTAITE SOME OBVIOUS TRENDS IN THE TOTAL PICTURE HE HAD SUGGESTED, WITH RESPECT TO FRENCH LANGUAGE PREDOMINANCE AND OTHER US CONCERNS PARTICULARLY DURING AN ASSEMBLY YEAR. HE BECAME EMOTIONAL AND SAID "THAT THE US WAS GOING TO HAVE TO FORGET PEOPLE'S LANGUAGE AND LOOK AT THEIR FACES." HE POINTED OUT THAT HE IS WORKING IN ENGLISH AND INTENDS TO CONTINUE ALL SECRETARIAT DRAFTING IN ENGLISH. AT CAR SAM HE WILL OPEN THE MEETING IN SPANISH AND REVERT TO ENGLISH ETC. USREP ASSURED HIM THAT OUR PROBLEM WAS NOT WITH HIM OR ANY ONE INDIVIDUAL BUT AT TEND TOWARD FRENCH ORIENTATION WHICH WAS BECOMING QUITE "LOPSIDED" INCLUDING AFRICA, NORTH AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST, THE SYG, PRESIDENT/COUNCIL AND MOST OF THE SECRETARIAT. AGAIN HE SAID HE INTENDS TO "KEEP THE SECRETARIAT UNDER CONTROL AND BE OBJECTIVE RE US INTERESTS AND IN MOST CASES PRO-US AVIATION INTERESTS WHICH HE CONSIDERS TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE ORGANIZATION."

6. IT IS OBVIOUS TO USREP THAT KOTAITE WHILE VERY SELF-ASSURED OUTWARDLY IS BEING CAUTIOUS ABOUT SOME OF THE DELICATE ISSUES--USING USREP AS SOUNDING BOARD AND HAVING CONFIDENTIAL

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IN MIND THAT USREP IS HIS FIRST VP. HOWEVER ON SEPTEMBER 28 THE COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMEN WILL BE CHOSEN AND IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW CLOSELY HE WORKS WITH T&T, USSR AND KENYA.
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